



Wisconsin's Environmental Scorecard 2003-2004



It's Time to Find Out Who's Looking Out for Our Natural Resources...and who's not.

Welcome to the *Environmental Scorecard 2003-2004* presented by Clean Wisconsin Action Fund and Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter. We've been paying close attention to how your legislators vote and inside you'll find the results.

The Scorecard includes charts detailing how legislators voted on each conservation-related bill. You'll also find descriptions of how those votes impact our land, water, air and wildlife. In addition to bills in the Senate and Assembly, we have scored important votes on conservation issues that were taken up in committees. We encourage you to consider both the legislative and committees votes when evaluating the environmental voting record of any individual member of the legislature.

How to Read the Charts

Senate District	Senator	Recycled Content	Small Business Exemption	Public Right-of-Way	Public Trust	Regulatory	Smart Growth Special Use	Groundwater	Automatic	Political Reform Stewardship	Score
12	Breske, Roger	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	56%
31	Brown, Ron	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	11%
3	Carpenter, Tim	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
16	Chvala, Chuck	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
6	Coggs, Spencer *	NA	NA	+	+	-	+	+	NA	NA	80%**
2	Cowles, Robert	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	17%

Annotations: Arrows point from 'Anti-Environment Vote' to the '+' in the 'Public Right-of-Way' column for Senator Breske and the '+' in the 'Public Trust' column for Senator Chvala. An arrow points from 'Pro-Environment Vote' to the '-' in the 'Recycled Content' column for Senator Brown. An arrow points from 'Percent Vote Pro-Environment' to the 'Score' column.

Dear Scorecard Reader,

The current legislature is the most anti-environmental Wisconsin has ever had. A large number of bills and budget proposals this session attack your environment and the health of your family. These proposals are cleverly called "economic development" or "regulatory reform" but would result in more pollution released into your air and water, and more destruction of special places in Wisconsin.



Big industry lobbying groups, such as Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, have been able to set a legislative agenda that harms the water you drink and the air you breathe in Wisconsin for the financial gain of a few of their members. Because they have vast sums of money, these lobbying groups enjoy unprecedented

power in the state Capitol.

Anti-environment activity in the State Capitol during the 2003-2004 sessions started with the state budget shortfall. While Governor Doyle proposed dramatic reductions in all state agencies as part of his budget proposal, the Joint Committee on Finance focused especially on making aggressive cuts to the Department of Natural Resources. The legislative session also included several initiatives to exempt many business and private property owners from environmental regulations. ➡

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Unfortunately, the Governor chose to negotiate with anti-conservation members of the legislature and special interests on some of these issues rather than stand up for environmental protection. In other cases, the Governor exercised his veto to uphold critical programs and to blunt assaults on conservation and environmental policies and programs.

Environmental victories under the Capitol dome were slim, but do include protecting the funding and approval process of land acquisitions of the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson State Stewardship Fund and a first step toward limiting withdrawal of large quantities of groundwater that adversely impact surface water resources. The long battle to protect the pristine Wolf River from unsafe metallic mining was terminated by the surprise purchase of the Crandon Mining Company by two tribal governments in fall 2003.

We hope you will use this Environmental Scorecard to hold your elected officials accountable and judge their commitment to the environmental issues about which you care. The scorecard provides enough for you to contact your legislators to thank them for their pro-environmental votes and to "call them on the carpet" for anti-environmental votes.

Our organizations believe that informed members and the public will participate in policy debates and hold decision makers accountable concerning clean air, clean water and our cherished recreational and wild lands. Wisconsin's strong non-partisan conservation and environmental heritage can be revived. And the public will benefit from a clean environment for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Understanding the Process of Preparing the Scorecard

This Scorecard is a collaborative project involving representatives from the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, Clean Wisconsin Action Fund, and the Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter. Together, we collected and compiled information on key conservation votes in the Wisconsin Assembly, Senate, Joint Committee on Finance, and the Natural Resources Committees. We selected key votes from the 2003-2004 session that, taken as a whole, reflect a legislator's commitment to clean air and water, protection of special places and improved sporting opportunities. The final selection of individual votes included in this year's Scorecard is the sole responsibility of the Clean Wisconsin Action Fund and the Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter.

Once the key votes were selected, each member of the Legislature received a numerical score between 0 and 100 reflecting the percentage of their votes that agreed with the pro-environment position. For each member, the percentage is based on the actual votes for which he or she was present. In addition, the Governor's actions are noted with the description of each vote.



Clean Wisconsin Action Fund, an environmental advocacy organization, protects Wisconsin's clean water and air and advocates for clean energy by being an effective voice in the state legislature and by holding elected officials and corporations accountable. The Action Fund endorses candidates who support a conservation agenda and, at the end of each legislative session, presents "The Clean 16" awards to Wisconsin's best environmental legislators. Through effective advocacy, the Action Fund protects the special places that make Wisconsin such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

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The Sierra Club is the oldest member based environmental organization in North America. In Wisconsin, our 13,000 members provide conservation educational programs, organize fun and work service outings to interpret and protect special places, hold elected officials accountable for protecting Wisconsin's environment and, when necessary, litigate to protect our clean air, land and water. In this important election year, the Sierra Club will have face-to-face discussions with over 40,000 Wisconsin voters in our neighborhoods discussing the assault on the environment by the Bush Administration and the State Legislature, and proposing visionary solutions for our families, for our future.

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Descriptions of the Votes

AB187 – REDUCING STANDARDS FOR RECYCLED NEWSPAPER CONTENT

Prior to this legislation, the law required that newspapers printed in the state contain 40 percent recycled content. Printers who could not meet that standard could apply for a waiver. This bill rolls back that standard to 33 percent. Using recycled fiber reduces the need to harvest more trees and is less expensive and more energy efficient for paper makers than using virgin fiber when adequate supplies exist. Lowering the standard for this successful program undercuts the recycled newspaper market, sends the wrong signal to manufacturers about recycling goals, and will lead to the use of more raw fiber (requiring more trees and energy) than would otherwise be needed. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: Approved 81-14 on 5/29/03

Senate: Approved 26-7, 10/1/03

Status: Signed into law by Governor Doyle on 12/12/03

AB228 – ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS PROGRAM (VERSION I)

This bill proposed incentives to public and private entities to make measurable or noticeable improvements in prescribed environmental performance and use environmental management systems (EMS). Entities would pre-notify and submit self-audits to the DNR which may not bring a civil action for reported violations if participants correct them in a timely manner. Incentives for Tier I participants include DNR recognition, a single DNR employee contact and, after implementing an EMS, inspection at the lowest frequency permitted under applicable regulations. In this version, the DNR is directed to create incentives under Tier II that are proportional to the environmental benefits of superior environmental performance. Both the Senate and Assembly voted against eliminating the Environmental Improvement Program, including the audit privilege (immunity from civil action for reported violations) from the bill. The votes here are on final passage. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: Approved 64-33 on 5/29/03.

Senate: Approved 21-11 on 9/23/03.

Vetoed by the Governor on 12/5/03.

AB267 – EXEMPTING SOME BUSINESSES FROM ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

Using fines, inspections and other tools, the enforcement of laws is one of the most important ways to deter would-be polluters from threatening public health and our natural resources. Among other things, this bill would have given so-called small businesses immunity from enforcement action despite their impact on the environment. A companion bill, SB100, was amended to correct some of AB267's problems and was passed and signed into law. Because the environmental focus of SB100 became negligible, it was not scored. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: Approved 64-33 on 10/23/03

Senate: Approved 21-11 on 11/11/03

Status: Vetoed by Governor Doyle on 12/17/03

AB496 – ALLOWING MORE BILLBOARDS IN SCENIC WISCONSIN

Current state law regulates billboards in order to keep the state attractive to residents and tourists and to enhance the business climate. AB496 would have undermined this law by enabling owners of non-conforming billboards (business advertising signs built outside areas zoned as commercial or industrial) to refurbish them rather than remove the billboards to enhance scenic beauty. AB496 would have kept these billboards in use virtually forever. This is a piece-meal approach to dealing with visual pollution that jeopardizes the scenery that attracts tourists and businesses to our state and enhances the quality of life for our citizens. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: Approved 64-32 on 3/2/04

Senate: Never taken up by the full Senate

AB519 – ALLOWING THE BAITING AND FEEDING OF DEER AND ELK

In the interest of protecting the health of the entire deer population in the state, nearly all wildlife experts support a statewide ban on baiting and feeding deer in Wisconsin until more is known about the extent of chronic wasting disease (CWD) and its means of transmission. As passed in the Assembly, this bill will allow the practice of baiting and feeding throughout most of Wisconsin. This vote was scored on an amendment to AB519 to ban baiting and feeding 200 miles from the location of an animal that tested positive for CWD or bovine tuberculosis and 200 miles from the CWD eradication, management, or intensive harvest zones. Although there was no bill for a statewide ban, this amendment was a positive first step. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: Vote to not take up amendment to AB519

was approved 63-36 on 9/23/03

Status: Signed into law by Governor Doyle on 4/15/04

AB608 – CLARIFYING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STATUTE

The Comprehensive Planning Law (also known as Smart Growth) is intended to encourage local units of government to use citizen input and revise existing land use plans in order to ensure responsible land-use planning, to protect agricultural and recreation lands and open space, and enhance the health of urban and rural communities. AB608 aims to clarify some ambiguous language in the original statute by specifying what actions need to be consistent with the comprehensive plan as of 2010. It also clarifies that local governments that are not responsible for zoning, subdivision, regulation, or official mapping are not required to prepare a comprehensive plan. This legislation's revisions alleviate concerns of town and county board members who might otherwise support repeal of the original statute. *The pro-conservation vote is YES.*

Assembly: Approved 90-9 on 2/3/04

Senate: Approved by voice vote on 3/9/04

Status: Signed into law by Governor Doyle on 4/13/04

AB655 – WEAKENING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS UNDER THE GUISE OF JOB CREATION

This bill, possibly the most anti-conservation policy in Wisconsin history, rolls back decades of progress in protecting Wisconsin's air and water. From eliminating review of projects that damage streambeds to putting limits on air pollution standards to removing citizen input for many environmentally destructive projects, this policy fundamentally erodes the regulations that protect our environment. Under this bill, each year, thousands of potentially damaging lake and riverbed projects will be either exempted from regulation or covered under general permits that would not give any public notice or allow public input until the project was completed and the potential environmental damage done. Multiple votes on this legislation are included in the Scorecard.

Assembly Amendment 3/Senate Amendment 1-Reinstating DNR's Authority

The first vote is to reject amendments in both chambers, AA3 in the Assembly and SA1 in the Senate, that would have reinstated the DNR's authority to prevent harm to the state's public waters. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: AA3 to ASA2. Defeated 60-34 on 1/13/04

Senate: SA1 defeated 15-18 on 1/20/04

Senate Amendment 8 - Restoring the Office of the Public Intervenor

The second vote, held only in the Senate, would have restored the Office of the Public Intervenor. From 1967 to 1995, the Office of Public Intervenor existed to protect public rights regarding public waters and other natural resources of the state, give voice to citizen concerns at hearings otherwise dominated by powerful special interests, and advise citizens confronted with local environmental problems. The heart of AB655 is an attack on the Public Trust Doctrine, which was safeguarded by the Public Intervenor until 1995. Restoring the Office of the Public Intervenor would have offset some of the largest adverse impacts of the bill. The vote was on a motion to table, or set aside, the amendment. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Senate: SA8 defeated (tabled) 18-15 on 1/20/04

AB655-Passing the Final Bill

The third vote is on final passage of the bill. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: Bill approved 81-15 on 1/13/04

Senate: Bill approved 27-6 on 1/20/04

Status: Signed by Governor Doyle on 1/22/04

AB728 – IMPLEMENTING COSTLY CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING STATUTE

As mentioned in AB608, the Smart Growth Law is intended to ensure responsible land-use planning, to protect agriculture land, recreation and open space, and to enhance the health of urban and rural communities. AB728 undercuts the law by adding administrative burdens costly to local governments and unfairly implementing land use planning for different industries. Specifically, the bill changes procedural notice requirements in the state's comprehensive planning law by requiring local governments to give special notice to certain persons and types of landowners with gravel pits. These procedural hurdles frustrate, delay, and add cost to comprehensive planning activities of local governments. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly: Approved 60-37 on 2/5/04

Senate: Approved 20-13 on 3/9/04

Status: Signed by Governor Doyle on 4/22/04

AB926 – PROTECTING GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES

The proposal by the Perrier Group to place a high-capacity well near the headwaters of the Mecan River highlighted the DNR's limited ability to regulate such harmful actions. AB926 gives the DNR the authority to deny a permit for a high-capacity well in a groundwater protection area if the well will cause significant environmental impact. In addition to providing greater protections for these areas important to trout populations or critical sources of freshwater, it allows the DNR to deny wells that jeopardize drinking water sources and requires the DNR to establish extra protections for areas of the state with limited groundwater resources. Finally, the legislation establishes the Groundwater Advisory Council to review implementation of the statute and identify problems and other needs that should be addressed. *The pro-conservation vote is YES.*

Assembly: Approved 99-0 on 3/10/04

Senate: Approved 31-1 on 3/11/04

Status: Signed by Governor Doyle on 4/22/04

SB246 – PROVIDING AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF PERMITS FOR BUSINESSES AND DEVELOPERS

It is the responsibility of state agencies in Wisconsin to review permit applications in order to protect human health and the environment. Businesses need permits when they are emitting pollutants that threaten human health and the environment, building in potentially sensitive areas or otherwise negatively impacting our natural resources. This proposal to grant automatic permits to businesses when agencies don't act within a short period of time allows for preventable damage to the environment and public health. Constraining permit review time reduces the opportunity for project modifications that may benefit both the business involved and the environment. While both chambers passed a version of this bill, the two were never reconciled. Instead, a version of the bill was folded into AB655 (see above). *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Senate: Approved 20-13 on 9/23/03

Assembly: Approved 64-35 on 11/4/03

SB252 – GRANTING POLITICAL REVIEW OF STEWARDSHIP FUND REQUESTS

Over the past 13 years, Wisconsin's Stewardship Fund has helped to acquire and protect more than 225,000 acres of some of Wisconsin's most pristine and ecologically important lands and waters. Because the Stewardship Fund is about preserving ecologically important lands, it is important that the decisions to approve individual purchases are based on science, not politics. Since adequate reviews already exist to insure that land acquisitions are appropriate and reasonable, granting the Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) review would simply subject the Stewardship Fund to the political agenda of the members of the JFC. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Senate: Approved 18-14 on 11/5/03

Assembly: Approved 58-37 on 1/20/04

Status: Vetoed by Governor Doyle on 2/4/04

SB61 – ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (VERSION II)

This proposal is similar to AB228 (see above). However, in this bill, the Environmental Improvement Program encourages regulated entities to conduct self-audits and correct any violations in a reasonable time. If an entity proposes to take more than 90 days to correct any violations revealed by the audit, the report must include a proposed compliance schedule and stipulated penalties. These are subject to public comments. Entities would pre-notify and submit self-audits to the DNR. The DNR may issue a citation to collect not more than \$500 for each violation regardless of the number of days during which the violation continued, but not bring further civil action for such violations. If the DNR receives a participant's audit report that discloses a potential criminal violation, the DNR and the Department of Justice must take into account the diligent actions of and reasonable care taken by the regulated entity to comply. The Senate vote is on adoption of the version negotiated with the Governor. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Senate: Approved 25-8 on 3/9/04.

Assembly: Approved by voice vote on 3/11/04.

Signed by the Governor on 4/16/04.

2003-2004 Assembly Environmental Votes

Dist	Representative	Recycled Newspaper Content AB 187	Polluter Protection AB 228 Table AA2	Environmental Results I AB 228	Small Business Exemption AB 267	Billboards AB 496	Baiting of Deer AB 519; AA5 to ASA1	Smart Growth Clarification AB 608	Public Rights in Waterways AB 655; AA3 to ASA2	Regulatory Rollbacks AB 655	Smart Growth Special Notification AB 728	Air quality from livestock siting AB 868 Table AA2 to ASA1	Livestock siting AB 868	Groundwater AB 926	Automatic Permits SB 246	Political Review of Stewardship Fund SB 252	Score
6	Ainsworth, John	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
50	Albers, Sheryl	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
68	Balow, Larry	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	NV	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	**57%
76	Berceau, Terese	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
1	Bies, Garey	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
77	Black, Spencer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
73	Boyle, Frank	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	87%
17	Coggs, Spencer *	-	+	+	+	NA	+	NA	NA	NA	NA			NA	+	NA	83%
8	Colón, Pedro	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%
13	Cullen, David	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
39	Fitzgerald, Jeff	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
38	Foti, Steven	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
51	Freese, Stephen	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
35	Friske, Donald	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
89	Gard, John	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	**14%
23	Gielow, Curt	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
60	Gottlieb, Mark	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	27%
91	Gronemus, Barbara	-	NV	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	**14%
58	Grothman, Glenn	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
83	Gunderson, Scott	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
84	Gundrum, Mark	-	-	-	-	-	+	NV	NV	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	**15%
47	Hahn, Eugene	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
46	Hebl, Tom	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%
42	Hines, J.A. "Doc"	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
# 21	Honadel, Mark *	NA	NA	NA	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	8%
85	Huber, Gregory	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	87%
75	Hubler, Mary	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	47%
94	Huesch, Michael	-	-	-	NV	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	**14%
40	Hundertmark, Jean	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
98	Jensen, Scott	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
24	Jeskewitz, Suzanne	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
96	Johnsrud, DuWayne	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
55	Kaufert, Dean	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
66	Kerkman, Samantha	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
27	Kestell, Steve	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
88	Krawczyk, Judy	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
93	Kreibich, Robin	-	-	-	-	NV	+	-	-	-	-	NV	NV	+	-	-	**17%
64	Kreuser, James	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	73%
12	Krug, Shirley	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
7	Krusick, Margaret	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	67%
63	Ladwig, Bonnie	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
2	Lasee, Frank	NV	-	NV	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	**15%
62	Lehman, John	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	87%
99	Lehman, Michael	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
59	LeMahieu, Daniel	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
49	Loeffelholz, Gabe	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
32	Lothian, Thomas	-	-	-	-	-	+	NV	NV	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	**15%
56	McCormick, Terri	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	NV	-	-	+	-	-	14%
34	Meyer, Dan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	7%
48	Miller, Mark	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%

* = Served only part of the term

** = Does not include all 15 votes

NV = Not Voting

NA = Not Applicable (usually due to serving only part of the term)

Note that Julie Lassa (AD 71) and Jeff Plale (AD 21) were only present for one of these votes. Lassa voted + and Plale voted + on Polluter Protection - AB 228 - Table AA 2 Black.

Assembly Environmental Votes Continued

Dist	Representative	Recycled Newspaper Content	Polluter Protection	Environmental Results I	Small Business Exemption	Billboards	Baiting of Deer	Smart Growth Clarification	Public Rights in Waterways	Regulatory Rollbacks	Smart Growth Special Notification	Air quality from livestock siting	Groundwater	Automatic Permits	Political Review of Stewardship Fund	Score
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# 71	Molepkse, Louis *	NA	NA	NA	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	83%
4	Montgomery, Phil	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
11	Morris, Johnnie	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	87%
92	Musser, Terry	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
31	Nass, Stephen	-	-	-	-	-	+	NV	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	**14%
97	Nischke, Ann	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
41	Olsen, Luther	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
3	Ott, Alvin	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20%
53	Owens, Carol	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
86	Petrowski, Jeffrey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	7%
28	Pettis, Mark	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
29	Plouff, Joe	-	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	NV	NV	+	+	+	**92%
78	Pocan, Mark	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
79	Pope-Roberts, SONDY	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	93%
80	Powers, Mike	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	NV	**14%
30	Rhoades, Kitty	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
19	Richards, Jon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
72	Schneider, Marlin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	NV	**93%
45	Schooff, Dan	-	+	+	NV	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	**79%
36	Seratti, Lorraine	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	NV	**14%
74	Sherman, Gary	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	67%
95	Shilling, Jennifer	-	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	-	+	NV	NV	+	+	**83%
20	Sinicki, Christine	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	73%
15	Staskunas, Tony	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	60%
65	Steinbrink, John	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	60%
82	Stone, Jeff	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
69	Suder, Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	7%
18	Taylor, Lena	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	73%
17	Toles, Barbara *	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	NA	+	NA	NA	+	+	-	+	NA	83%
43	Towns, Debi	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
52	Townsend, John	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
81	Travis, David	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	93%
61	Turner, Robert	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	87%
54	Underheim, Gregg	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
26	Van Akkeren, Terry	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	60%
90	Van Roy, Karl	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
33	Vrakas, Daniel	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
70	Vruwink, Amy Sue	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	60%
14	Vukmir, Leah	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
37	Ward, David	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	7%
22	Wasserman, Sheldon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	87%
5	Weber, Becky	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
57	Wieckert, Steve	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
10	Williams, Annette	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	+	+	+	+	**100%
87	Williams, Mary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	7%
67	Wood, Jeffrey	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	13%
44	Wood, Wayne	NV	+	NV	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	**62%
16	Young, Leon	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	87%
9	Zepnick, Josh	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	80%
25	Ziegelbauer, Bob	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	33%

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Note that Julie Lassa (AD 71) and Jeff Plale (AD 21) were only present for one of these votes. Lassa voted + and Plale voted + on Polluter Protection - AB 228 - Table AA 2 Black.

2003-2004 Senate Environmental Votes

Dist	Senator	Recycled Newspaper Content	Polluter Protection	Environmental Results I	Small Business Exemption	Public Rights in waterways	Public Intervenor	Regulatory Rollback	Smart Growth	Groundwater	Environmental Results II	Automatic Permits	Political Review of Stewardship Fund	Score
		AB 187	AB 228 Rejection SSA 1	AB 228	AB 267	AB 655; SA1	AB 655; SA8	AB 655	AB 728	AB 926	SB 61	SB 246	SB 252	
12	Breske, Roger	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	50%
31	Brown, Ron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
3	Carpenter, Tim	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
16	Chvala, Chuck	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
6	Coggs, Spencer *	NA			NA	+	+	-	+	+	+	NA	NA	83%
2	Cowles, Robert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
8	Darling, Alberta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
29	Decker, Russell	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	NV	-	+	+	**91%
19	Ellis, Michael	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
27	Erpenbach, Jon	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	92%
13	Fitzgerald, Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
6	George, Gary *	+	+	+	NV	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	NV	**100%
30	Hansen, Dave	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	83%
10	Harsdorf, Sheila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
25	Jauch, Robert	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	75%
33	Kanavas, Theodore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
11	Kedzie, Neal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
1	Lasee, Alan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
24	Lassa, Julie *	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	58%
28	Lazich, Mary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
9	Leibham, Joseph	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
32	Meyer, Mark	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	75%
4	Moore, Gwendolynne	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92%
20	Panzer, Mary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
7	Plale, Jeffrey *	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	50%
5	Reynolds, Tom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
26	Risser, Fred	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
15	Robson, Judith	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	83%
18	Roessler, Carol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
17	Schultz, Dale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
21	Stepp, Cathy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%
14	Welch, Robert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
22	Wirch, Robert	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	83%
23	Zien, David	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	8%

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Budget Motions by the Joint Committee on Finance

MOTION 116 – CUTTING GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL FOR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEE INCREASES

Consistent with overwhelming support by hunters and anglers state-wide, the Governor proposed a set of increases to both hunting and fishing licenses, the first such increases in more than seven years. The money from license sales goes directly into DNR fish and game programs, and helps support other DNR natural resource programs. This motion eliminated or scaled back many of the proposed increases, depriving the DNR of nearly \$12 million in program revenue between 2003 and 2005. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Approved 12-4 on 5/13/04

Adopted as part of the State Budget

MOTION 118 – RAIDING THE RECYCLING FUND

Since Wisconsin's recycling law was implemented in 1990, Wisconsin residents have recycled 40 percent of their trash, keeping that waste out of landfills and avoiding the need to build new polluting landfills. Leaky landfills contaminate our air and water with pollutants like methane gas, cyanide, mercury, dioxins, and lead. This motion takes \$14 million from the Recycling Fund, which helps local governments pay for recycling programs, to help balance the budget. This action will require local governments to either cut recycling programs or raise property taxes. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Approved 12-4 on 5/13/03

Adopted as part of the State Budget

MOTION 237 - ELIMINATING 70 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' STAFF

This motion cut 70 positions from the DNR staff, a move that jeopardizes the DNR's ability to prevent and clean up toxic spills, enforce the laws that protect our health and safety, and preserve the places that we cherish. The responsibilities of these staff ranged from reviewing permits to fielding questions from the public. Staffing cuts in this area were especially difficult for the DNR to absorb as the DNR was simultaneously facing other budget cuts and coming under fire for not issuing permits quickly enough. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Approved 12-4 on 5/1/03

Adopted as part of the State Budget

MOTION 268 - CUTTING STEWARDSHIP BONDING AUTHORITY

Over the past 13 years, Wisconsin's Stewardship Fund has helped to acquire and protect more than 225,000 acres of some of Wisconsin's most pristine and ecologically important lands and waters. Motion 268 called for slashing the Fund, cutting it by 75 percent in 2003 and 83 percent in 2004, then funding the program at half its existing level of \$60 million per year. This program is funded by bonding (borrowing) and enables the state to protect those remaining special places in Wisconsin that may be threatened by development.

Because the money is borrowed, the program only costs the state about \$5 million per year. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Approved 11-5 on 5/8/03

Vetoed from the State Budget by Governor Doyle on 7/27/03

MOTION 457 – INCREASING SPENDING ON NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION BY \$300 MILLION

This proposal would have increased spending on new highway construction by \$300 million at the same time that the state faced a multi-billion dollar budget shortfall. Building more roads leads to increased costs for taxpayers while often destroying wetlands and farmland and increasing air and water pollution. This motion also abandoned the 20 year-old principle of paying for roads with transportation fund revenues such as the gas tax, instead raiding general tax revenues that are needed to fund other Wisconsin programs. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Approved 12-4 on 5/16/03

This proposal was vetoed by Governor Doyle, who later reached a compromise with legislative leaders to allow for more new road construction funding.

MOTION 513 – REDUCING DNR'S ABILITY TO CLEAN UP CHEMICAL SPILLS

Among other things, this proposal would have taken funds used to clean up drinking water supplies away from the DNR and given them to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for agriculture chemical cleanups that were previously paid for by a tax on agricultural products. This proposed transfer is not only harmful to the DNR's environmental clean up programs, but also overlooks the ability of DATCP to assess fees on the agricultural industry to pay for clean-ups caused by the agricultural industry. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Approved 16-0 on 5/13/03

Vetoed by Governor Doyle on 7/27/03

MOTION 576 - REDUCING AIR MANAGEMENT STAFF

DNR's ability to analyze the health impacts on neighbors of new sources of ozone-causing pollution and toxic air emissions was jeopardized by this staff cut. In fact, 10 percent of all regulated air pollution facilities have never been inspected due to inadequate staffing. A better option, which if adopted would have saved the positions, was also before the JFC to adjust the per ton fee based on the Consumer Price Index to increase air permit fees on major sources of air pollution. Without the revenue from fee increases that keep up with the rate of inflation, further reductions in staff and program performance are inevitable. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Approved 11-5 on 5/13/04

Adopted as part of the State Budget

Budget Motions:		116	118	237	268	457	513	576
Senators	Darling, Alberta	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
	Decker, Russell	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
	Fitzgerald, Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Harsdorf, Sheila	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
	Kanavas, Theodore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lazich, Mary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Moore, Gwendolynne	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
	Welch, Robert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Representatives	Coggs, Spencer	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
	Huebsch, Michael	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Kaufert, Dean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Meyer, Dan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Rhoades, Kitty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Schooff, Dan	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
	Stone, Jeff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ward, David	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



Every lake and river in Wisconsin is under a fish consumption advisory due to unsafe mercury levels in fish.

Vote to Scale Back DNR's Mercury Rule

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources	
Kedzie, Neal -	Bies, Garey -	Miller, Mark +
Risser, Fred +	Black, Spencer +	Ott, Alvin -
Stepp, Cathy -	Gronemus, Barbara -	Pettis, Mark -
Wirch, Robert +	Gunderson, Scott -	Steinbrink, John -
Zien, David -	Johnsrud, DuWayne -	Williams, Mary -
	Krawczyk, Judy -	

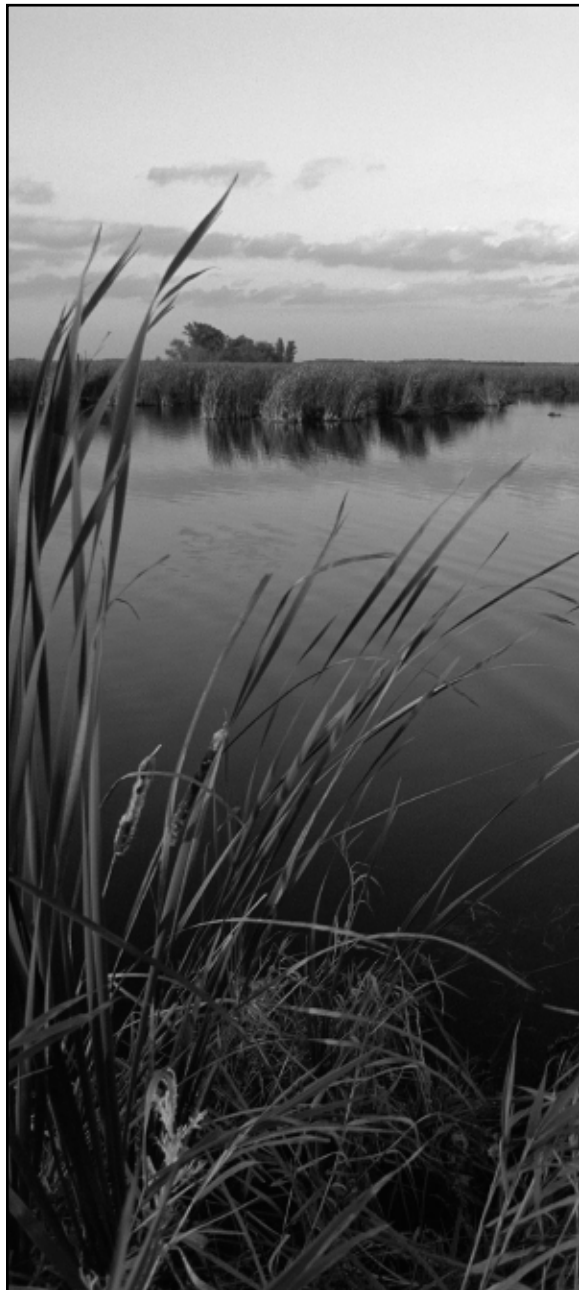
CLEARINGHOUSE RULE CR01-081 – REQUIRING 80 PERCENT REDUCTION OF MERCURY EMISSIONS FROM THE STATE'S LARGEST POWER PLANTS BY 2015

Mercury enters the air from power plants and other sources. After traveling a short distance, the mercury falls out of the air and into our lakes and rivers where it is converted into a highly toxic form that enters the food chain. There is a state-wide advisory for pregnant women and young children to limit fish consumption from Wisconsin lakes due to the damage it can cause to a developing nervous system. The Natural Resources Board proposed a rule which would reduce mercury emissions 80

percent from the state's largest power plants by 2015. Barring aggressive federal action, this is the minimum the state should require. Both committees voted on a motion to request modification to weaken the proposed mercury reduction rule. *The pro-conservation vote is NO.*

Assembly Committee on Natural Resources: Modification Approved 9-2 on 8/20/03. Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee: Modification Approved 3-2 on 8/22/03

Natural Resources Board partially revised and approved 6-0 on 6/23/04



Deemed the worst conservation bill ever passed in Wisconsin's history, the so-called Jobs Creation Act (AB655) could result in more devastating shoreline erosion as pictured.

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